

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>January 31, 2018</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2017-370-E</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2018-80</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2017-370-E - Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Joint Motion to Expedite Hearing Filed on Behalf of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated.

COMMISSION ACTION:

SCE&G and Dominion have moved for an Order granting an expedited hearing in this matter, and request that the matter be set for hearing on or before April 17, 2018, with pre-filing dates set accordingly. I move that this Motion be denied. This matter is too important and the matters contained in the Petition are too numerous to address in the limited time proposed by the Petitioners. Just as one example, the last merger considered by this Commission took almost a year and a half to be completed. The current filing is both a proposed merger and an abandonment proceeding – something that has not been previously litigated in this State.

Further, the opportunity for thorough discovery consistent with due process and as sought by the parties should be allowed. For these reasons, I would also move that we direct the Commission Staff to develop a procedural schedule generally consistent with the schedule for this case as proposed by counsel for Friends of the Earth and the Sierra Club. Mr. Chairman, I would state in support of this procedural proposal that I do not believe that the six-month schedule for Order issuance proposed by SCE&G and Dominion is correct. The Petition made reference to S.C. Code Annotated Section 58-27-870 (F), a portion of the rate case section. That section describes circumstances under which the Commission may rule without notice and hearing. The language at the beginning of the Section states that "Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 58-27-860 and 58-27-870..." I believe that this provision means that the six-month limitation found in Section 58-27-870 (B) is not applicable. Under this ruling, a schedule similar to the one proposed by counsel for Friends of the Earth and the Sierra Club would be appropriate, and would allow for the discovery period that the Attorney General, South Carolina Energy Users Committee, and Friends of the Earth/Sierra Club have stated is so crucial in this proceeding.

Further, I move that we consolidate the -370 proceeding with the -207 and -305 proceedings for hearing purposes, since there are a number of common issues that must be considered in all three dockets. To the extent that comments on this proposal were provided to the Commission, those parties were supportive of consolidation – in the Friends of the Earth/Sierra Club's case – that support was contingent on adoption of a schedule similar to what I have herein proposed today.

PRESIDING: Whitfield

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BOCKMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

